The proposals received from the Universities and institutions deemed to be Universities are considered by the UGC for providing financial assistance on the recommendations of the Expert Committees constituted by it. Besides, the UGC also has a proposal to set up a countrywide area network "UGC Net" linking all the universities and having connectivity to Internet.

Evaluation criteria for recruitment of KV teachers

229. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of evaluation criteria in vogue for shortlisting of applications for recruitment of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1985-86 sessions, category-wise; and

(b) on which dates these criteria has since been amended, alongwith the details and notifications thereof, each time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) There used to be a system of shortlisting of the applicant for interviews for recruitment to the different posts of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan based on evalution criterion. However, the system of recruitment underwent a major change as a result of introduction of written test system, followed by interview from the year 1999. The earlier evaluation criterion are no longer relevant.

Operation Black Board Scheme in Assam

230. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to continue the Operation Black Board (OBB) Scheme;

(b) if so, the status of teachers already appointed in Assam;

(c) the amount sanctioned and released during the last three years, year-wise, and the reasons for not receiving salary by teachers appointed under this scheme in that State;

(d) whether Government would ensure continuation of service of already appointed teachers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Operation Black Board Scheme would be subsumed in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) from the next Plan period, commencing from 1/4/2002. The liability of salary of teachers appointed under the Operation Block Board (OB) Scheme would be transferred to the State Government concerned, including Assam, after the Ninth Plan.

(c) The amount sanctioned and released to Assam for payment of salary to teachers appointed under OB scheme during the last three years is given below:

		(Rs. in Lakhs)
1999-2000	-	1141.03
2000-2001	-	2305.79

The State Government was asked to pay salary to teachers appointed under the OB scheme, for which funds had been released as above. No funds were released during 2001-2002, as the State Government had unspent balance towards payment of salary.

The State Government has now informed that the unspent balance towards payment of salary has been released in February 2002 for payment of salary to the OB teachers.

(d) and (e) Under the scheme of Operation Blackboard, the salary of teachers appointed under the scheme will be reimbursed by the Centre only till the end of Five Year Plan period in which the appointments are made. At the end of the Five Year Plan period, liabilities with regard to teacher salaries are transferred to the State Government.

Welefare Schemes for women in Andhra Pradesh

231. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of women welfare schemes under implementation;

(b) the details of voluntary organisations getting grants from Government for the welfare of women in Andhra Pradesh;